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FLUID PORT INTERFACES
Examiner: Alison K. Pickard
Art Unit: 3673
File No.: 505-02

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of April 10, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this Amendment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

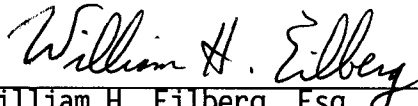
Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

No fee for this Amendment is required, other than the fee for the Request for Continued Examination.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner, entry of this Amendment, and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that she telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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